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TAGS: PFOR, MA, NK, US
SUBJECT: SUGGESTED USG RESPONSE TO MALAGASY AND NORTH
KOREAN ATTACKS

1. SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION. I FEEL THAT AT THE VERY LEAST
WE SHOULD LODGE A STRONG WRITTEN PROTEST AGAINST THE
ACCUSATIONS MADE BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE NORTH
KOREAN AMBASSADOR. FAILURE TO DO SO WOULD BE READ AS EITHER
USG INDIFFERENCE TO DRM (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR)
OR UNHEEDING DESIRE FOR BETTER RELATIONS REGARDLESS OF
CIRCUMSTANCES. EITHER INTERPRETATION WOULD, IN MY VIEW,
ENCOURAGE FURTHER DRM DISREGARD OF USG VIEWS AND FURTHER
DELAY THE GENUINE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS WHICH WE SEEK.
END SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION.

2. IN VIEW OF THE LENGTH OF BOTH SPEECHES, I DO NOT FEEL WE
SHOULD ATTEMPT A POINT-BY-POINT REBUTTAL, BUT SHOULD INSTEAD
CONCENTRATE ON THE ACCUSATION THAT THE US STARTED THE 1950
CONFLICT. IT CAN BE POINTED OUT THAT SINCE THIS IS THE BASIS
FOR MUCH THAT FOLLOWS, THEN THE WHOLE CONTENTS OF THE SPEECH
MUST BE SUSPECT. AS WE ARE IN MADAGASCAR, AND IN ORDER NOT
TO BACK THE DRM INTO A CORNER IN WHICH IT WOULD FEEL
OBLIGED TO REACT IN KIND, I ALSO FEEL WE SHOULD FOCUS
OUR PROTEST ON THE NORTH KOREAN ASPECT OF THIS INCIDENT,
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LEAVING THE DRM THE IMPLIED FACE-SAVING OUT THAT ITS
FOREIGN MINISTER MAY BE ONLY AN INNOCENT DUPE.

3. WITH THESE CONSIDERATIONS IN MIND I PROPOSE THE
FOLLOWING NOTE: "...AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE
SPEECHES MADE ON TELEVISION THE NIGHT OF JULY 5 CONCERN-
IN THE HISTORY OF KOREA SINCE WORLD WAR II AND THE

PRESENT SITUATION IN THE PENINSULA.

"THE SPEECHES IN QUESTION REPEAT A WELL-KNOWN NORTH KOREAN VERSION OF EVENTS IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA WHICH HAVE LED TO THE PRESENT SITUATION. THIS VERSION BEGINS WITH THE BASIC PREMISE, AS STATED IN THE SPEECHES, THAT THE UNITED STATES BEGAN THE 1950 KOREAN CONFLICT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH KOREA AND THE NORTH KOREAN REGIME. THIS PREMISE, WHICH IS ALSO A GRAVE ACCUSATION AGAINST THE UNITED STATES, IS NOT A MERE DISTORTION OR SUBJECTIVE INTERPRETATION OF HISTORY--IT IS AN ABSOLUTE FALSIFICATION OF HISTORY. NORTH KOREAN RESPONSIBILITY FOR ATTACKING THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH KOREA IS DOCUMENTED IN RESOLUTIONS AND OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH RECEIVED THE UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AND PRESENT. THIS CONDEMNATION OF NORTH KOREA IS A MATTER OF RECORD AND HAS NEVER BEEN ALTERED OR WITHDRAWN.

"IN VIEW OF THE DEMONSTRATED FALSEHOOD OF THIS NORTH KOREAN CHARGE, ALL OTHER ASPECTS OF THE NORTH KOREAN VERSION OF PAST AND RECENT EVENTS IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA MUST BE CONSIDERED EQUALLY SUSPECT.

"THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN WASHINGTON, CONFIDENTIAL

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VIGOROUSLY PROTESTS THE REPETITION AND PUBLIC AIRING IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR OF THIS FALSE AND OUTRAGEOUS NORTH KOREAN ACCUSATION AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.

"COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE..."

4. I WOULD ACCOMPANY DELIVERY OF THIS NOTE BY USING THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS:

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A. WE HAVE NOT DEALT WITH OTHER ASPECTS OF THE LENGTHY NORTH KOREAN DIATRIBE, SINCE THE FALSEHOOD OF THE BASIC PREMISE, SO EASY TO DEMONSTRATE, DISCREDITS THE WHOLE DOCUMENT.

B. IF THE DRM WISHES TO SUPPORT THE NORTH KOREAN INITIATIVES FOR THE REUNIFICATION OF KOREA, THAT IS OF COURSE ITS OWN BUSINESS. WE CAN BUT REGRET IT, AS WE HAVE OUR OWN VIEWS ON THE MATTER AND CONSIDER THE NORTH KOREAN POSITION INFLAMMATORY AND NOT CONDUCTIVE TO THE PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA WHICH WE ALL DESIRE.

C. FOR THE DRM TO GO BEYOND THE SUPPORT OF THE PRESENT NORTH KOREAN POSITION AND TO GRATUITOUSLY ADOPT AND PUBLICLY ESPOUSE A FALSE NORTH KOREAN ACCUSATION OF THIS NATURE AGAINST THE UNITED STATES IS A FAR MORE SERIOUS MATTER--IT CANNOT HELP TOWARD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. WHICH SOME DRM OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD ME THEY DESIRE; INDEED IT CAN ONLY IMPEDE SUCH A DEVELOPMENT.

D. THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS NOT MADE AS AN ULTIMATUM OR A WARNING; IT IS A STATEMENT OF FACT WHICH I WOULD BE REMISS IN NOT MAKING KNOWN TO THE DRM AUTHORITIES IN VIEW OF MY OBLIGATIONS TO THE DRM ITSELF STEMMING FROM CONFIDENTIAL

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MY POSITION HERE.

5. IF ABOVE SCENARIO IS APPROVED BY THE DEPT, I WOULD REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER SPECIFICALLY TO DISCUSS THE JULY 5 SPEECHES, BUT OFFERING TO DISCUSS THEM WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS CHOOSING SHOULD HE PREFER, IN VIEW OF HIS PENCHANT FOR DELAY IN GRANTING APPOINTMENTS.

6. I MAY BE SEEING THE SEC-GEN OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AT AN EARLY DATE, AS HE TOLD ME AT JULY 4 RECEPTION THAT HE WAS NOW CAUGHT UP WITH HIS WORK, AFTER BEING IN

HOSPITAL FOR TWO MONTHS, AND THAT HE WAS NOW PREPARED TO GRANT ME THE APPOINTMENT I HAD REQUESTED SOME TIME AGO. IF I SEE HIM BEFORE FULL INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED ON THIS SUBJECT, AND UNLESS DEPT OBJECTS BY IMMEDIATE CABLE, I WILL (A) TELL HIM I HAVE REPORTED JULY 5 SPEECHES TO DEPT AND AM AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS ON WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM, AND (B) USE ABOVE TALKING POINTS STRESSING THAT THEY ARE MY OWN PERSONAL VIEWS PENDING RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS.

7. I WILL BE SUBMITTING FURTHER THOUGHTS ON THE SUBJECT INSEPTTEL, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A LONGER-TERM US REACTION. AS I THINK WE SHOULD LODGE OUR PROTEST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND AS WE ARE SO CLEARLY SINGLED OUT IN THE ACCUSATIONS, I RECOMMEND THAT WE NOT RPT NOT TAKE TIME TO CONSULT OUR ALLIES OF THE KOREAN CONFLICT, ALTHOUGH I WOULD NOT MIND INFORMING THEM HERE OR IN WASHINGTON THAT WE ARE LODGING A PROTEST. IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ME TO KNOW IN THIS CONTEXT WHO WERE THE NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN JUNE 1950 WHEN NORTH KOREA WAS CONDEMNED AS AN AGGRESSOR. HOPEFULLY, CONFIDENTIAL

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EARLY ACTION ON OUR PART CAN PREVENT FURTHER AIRING OF THIS ACCUSATION DURING THE CURRENT "MONTH OF SOLIDARITY."BARRETT

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